

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please make the following amendments to the claims as noted.

1. (original) A slat for *inter alia* a conveyor, the slat comprising a main body having an upper surface at least part of which is transparent and which includes a cavity positioned below the transparent surface for retaining a removable cartridge.
2. (original) A slat according to claim 1, wherein at least one surface of the cartridge carries a decorative pattern and/or indicia.
3. (original) A slat according to claim 2, wherein the decorative pattern and/or indicia is in the form of advertising data.
4. (currently amended) A slat according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the cavity is defined between at least part of the upper surface of the main body and at least part of the lower surface thereof.
5. (currently amended) A slat according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein one or both ends of the cavity is/are opened to facilitate insertion and removal of the cartridge.
6. (currently amended) A slat according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, further comprising means for retaining the cartridge securely within the cavity.

7. (currently amended) A slat according ~~any preceding claim,~~ to claim 1, wherein the transparent surface is made from tempered glass.
8. (currently amended) A slat as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ wherein the transparent surface of the slat is scratch resistant.
9. (currently amended) A slat according to ~~any preceding claim 1,~~ wherein the upper surface further comprises a load supporting protective surface.
10. (currently amended) A slat according to ~~any preceding claim 1,~~ wherein the cartridge comprises a multi-media device.
11. (original) A slat according to claim 10, wherein the slat comprises a computerised display screen.
12. (currently amended) A slat according to claim 10 ~~or claim 11,~~ further comprising electronic means to communicate data to the cartridge thereby to remotely control and change the data displayed thereon at any given point in time.
13. (original) A slat according claim 12, wherein the electronic means is attached to the underside of the load supporting surface thereby to be protected from articles being placed on the surface in use.

14. (currently amended) An endless conveyor having at least one slat in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims.~~